

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Ned M. Smith

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
ASSIGN TRUST TO A KEY

Examiner: Courtney D. Fields

Art Group: 2137

Confirmation No. 8766

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **7** of this paper.